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Town Officers.

Moderator.

CHARLES H. BRACKETT.

Town Clerk.

FRANK D. WENTWORTH.

Selectmen.

SIMEON S. BRACKETT, JOHN W. WEEKS,
JONATHAN P. MARSTON.

Treasurer.

JOSEPH W. ODELL.

Collector of Taxes.

LORENZO D. DUNTLEY.

Highway Agents.

STEPHEN H. WEEKS, WILLIAM A. ODELL,
ELMER D. MOULTON.

Board of Education.

EDWARD ROBIE, D. D., JOHN P. WEEKS,
REV. ALVAH E. DRAPER.

Library Trustees.

HON. JOHN HATCH, ANN R. P. SIMPSON,
JOHN A. M. CHAPMAN, D. D.

Board of Health.

Dr. JOSEPH W. ODELL, DR. FOREST W. PIKE,
JOHN P. WEEKS.

Assessors.

WALTER B. NORTON, HARRIE A. HOLMES.

Auditors.

HON. JOHN HATCH, EMERY H. ROKES.

Supervisors.

ANDREW P. BODGE, ABNER LITTLEFIELD,
WILBUR O. WINN.

Police and Constable.

CHARLES H. BRACKETT.

Appropriations and Valuation.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1899.

County tax,	$1,285 46	
State tax,	794 75	
School tax,	935 00	
High school,	600	
Repair of Highways,	900 00	
Town library,	256 10	
Piano,	200 00	
Interest on bonds,	287 50	
Town expenses,	400 00	
		$5,658 81

VALUATION.

Polls, 144,	14,400 00
Land and buildings,	294,970 00
Horses, 231,	12,550 00
Oxen, 22,	1,380 00
Cows, 595,	15,429 00
Neats, 72,	1,253 00
Sheep, 62,	172 00
Carriages, 12,	600 00
Stock in public funds,	3,450 00
Stock in banks,	24,636 00
Money at interest,	3,343 00
Stock in trade,	1,100 00
Mills,	700 00
Total,	$373,983 00

Rate of taxation on $100, $1 35.

Selectmen's Account.

Town of Greenland To S. S. Brackett. Dr.

1899.		
Feb. 27,	writing and posting warrant	$1 00
	at Exeter,	2 00
Mar. 4,	work on reports,	1 00
15,	preparing inventory blanks,	1 00
31,	½ day in session,	1 00
April 1 and 3,	taking inventory,	4 00
	horse, one day,	1 00
14 and 15,	assessing taxes,	4 00
May,	making taxes, recording inventory and fitting out collector's book,	10 00
	returning accounts to State Treasurer,	1 00
June 30,	½ day in session,	1 00
Sept. 30,	½ " "	1 00
Oct. 9,	½ " at B. & M. Station on account bridge,	1 00
	½ " " " " "	1 00
	1 " " " " "	2 00
1900.		
Jan. 27,	at Concord,	2 00
	expense to Concord,	2 68
Feb. 15,	settling town accounts,	2 00
	making report,	6 00
	at Portsmouth,	1 00
		$45 68
Mar. 4,	express on town reports,	25
	taking goose neck to Portsmouth and back,	50
	express on door,	25
	20 ft. lumber,	40
	stamps and stationery,	2 15
		$3 55

Town of Greenland To John W. Weeks, Dr.

1899.	
Mar. 17, preparing inventory blanks,	$1 00
18, delivering " "	6 00
31, ½ day in session,	1 00
April 1 and 3, taking inventory,	4 00
horse one day,	1 00
14 and 15, assessing taxes,	4 00
June 30, ½ day in session,	1 00
Sept. 30, ½ " "	1 00
Oct. 9, ½ " at B. & M. Station on account bridge,	1 00
12, ½ " " " "	1 00
drawing juror,	50
1900	
Feb. 15, settling town accounts,	2 00
	$23 50

Town of Greenland, To Jonathan P. Marston, Dr.

1899.	
Mar. 15, preparing inventory blanks,	$1 00
31, ½ day in session,	1 00
April 14 and 15, assesing taxes,	4 00
June 30, ½ day in session,	1 00
Oct, 9, ½ " at B. & M. Station,	1 00
12, ½ " " "	1 00
1900.	
Feb. 15, settling town accounts,	2 00
	$11 00

Report of Highway Agents.

STEPHEN H. WEEKS, HIGHWAY AGENT.

DR.

To cash received,	$278 77

CR.

Paid John P. Weeks,	6 30
W. R. Weeks,	4 20
S. H. & E. R. Weeks,	99 19
J. W. Berry,	39 60
S. S. Brackett,	29 60
S. S. Brackett, 504 ft. pine timber,	10 08
F. P. Durgin,	6 00
Percy Durgin,	45
E. P. Wentworth,	11 13
D. Mahoney, Jr.,	7 45
F. P. Hughes,	16 00
C. W. Rumrill,	4 80
J. Parks,	1 20
J. H. Pottle,	5 40
G. E. & S. T. Odell,	9 63
W. O. Winn,	13 32
J. B. Pickering,	5 75
J. H. Broughton, 21 posts at 30c,	6 30
Bolts and nails,	87
planing timber,	1 50
	$278 77

On hand, 128 ft. timber and 1 post.

W. A. ODELL, HIGHWAY AGENT.

DR.

To cash received,	$289 66

CR.

Paid Joseph Shurman,	7 25
Charles F. Farrell,	3 08
John E. Davis,	16 65
Charles Johnson,	75
C. H. Brackett,	46 25
G. E. Tuttle,	4 50
Moses Howard,	12 75
John W. Weeks,	32 10
Pierce Farm,	19 50
M. Silver,	9 50
Bert Wilber,	3 00
Geo. W. Lord,	3 45
F. D. Wentworth,	4 00
Arthur Frasier,	4 95
Israel L. Wilbur,	3 75
Geo. W. Brackett,	8 75
S. S. Brackett,	1 63
L. W. Harmon,	75
Libby & Odell,	90 20
W. A. Odell,	16 85
	$289 66

E. D. MOULTON, HIGHWAY AGENT.

DR.

To cash received,	$159 65

SPRING AND SUMMER REPAIRS.

CR.

Paid Wm McIntire, 19 days labor,	$28 50
Wm. Norton, 10½ " "	15 75
Frank Brown, 2 days with team,	9 00
Wm. Haines, 2⅓ " " "	10 50

Wm. Whenal, 1 day with team	4 50	
John Seavey, 1 " " "	4 50	
George Rand, 3 " labor,	4 50	
Charles Varrell, 1 " "	1 50	
Charles F. Marden, 2 days labor,	3 00	
J. L. Godfrey, 2 days labor,	3 00	
E. D. Moulton, 14 days labor,	28 00	
" " man with team 6 days,	27 00	
" " 1 horse team 3 days,	5 25	
Dynamite and fuse,	8 75	
Sharpening drills,	1 90	
		$155 65

WINTER ACCOUNT.

Paid E. D. Moulton, 4 hours with team,	2 00	
Frank Brown, 4 hours with team,	2 00	
		4 00
		$159 65

WM. M. HAINES, HIGHWAY AGENT to MARCH 14, 1899.

DR.

To cash received,	$26 25	

WINTER REPAIRS.

CR.

Paid Wm. M. Haines, team 9 hours,	$5 00	
Wm. G. Whenal, "	4 50	
C. N. Norton, "	4 50	
J. L. Godfrey, labor 2 days,	3 00	
W. W. McIntire, " 2 "	3 00	
W. G. Whenal, " 1 "	1 50	
C. F. Marden, " ½ "	75	
Wm. M. Haines, " 2 "	4 00	
		$26 25
Total cost of roads,		$754 33

Selectmen's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury,	$60 25
Amount of state, county, town, school and highway tax,	5,048 77
Received from State, for insurance tax,	7 50
Railroad tax,	657 62
Savings bank tnx,	594 26
Literary fund,	63 84
From County,	238 79
Dog licences,	45 00
Investment committee,	500 00
Use of Town Hall,	43 35
Town note,	1,000 00
Libby & Odell, rent of land,	5 00
Estate of Caroline A. Weeks,	1,880 00
E. G. Walden, Lot No. 11 L,	15 00
J. A. Chapman, tax of 1898,	84 28
Interest on City of Quincy bond,	17 56
Uncollected tax of 1898.	52 76
	$10,313 92

EXPENDITURES

Paid John Templeton, printing town reports,	$27 00
John Hatch, for Week's Public Library,	256 10
H. A. Holmes, tax bills and letter heads,	1 45
John Sise & Co., premium on collector's bond,	5 00
" " " treasurer's report,	8 00
F. D. Grace, door for Academy,	2 20
T. N. Weeks, labor on driveway,	4 00
W. H. Packer, abatement of 1898 tax,	2 70

Austin & Western Co., goose neck for road machine,	10 00
Libby & Odell, trimming cemeteries and high school yard three times,	20 00
E. G. Eastman, books,	3 29
Daniel Mahoney, repairing door,	35
Dr. J. W. Odell, attending Lemuel Perkins,	14 00
W. P. Hoyt, abatement,	6 75
M. O. Hall, to widen Bayside road,	10 00
J. W. Haines, abatement on poll,	1 35
Mrs. J. W. Chapman, dinners for assessors,	5 00
W. A. Pierce, piano,	150 00
L. D. Duntley, drawing jurors,	1 00
C. W. Marden, storing ballot booths and rails,	3 65
" " stock and labor at Academy,	1 00
M. J. Lawd, supplies for hall,	5 83
G. A. Norton, " "	2 61
J. W. Weeks, wood, 2 cords, for hall,	7 00
J. L. Godfrey, janitor and repairs at hall,	36 50
F. D. Wentworth, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	3 15
Pryor & Matthews, lock,	90
S. H. Weeks, 3 hens killed by dog,	1 50
G. E. Brackett, " "	10 50
W. E. Drake, repairing piano,	5 00
Mrs. A. F. Mercer, damage to land,	5 00
L. W. Brewster & Son, printing,	6 25
S. S. Brackett, supplies,	3 55
Town bond, No. 7,	500 00
Coupons due April 1, 1900,	150 00
" October 1, 1900,	137 50
E. A. Rollins & Son, Quincy bond,	1,074 82
State tax,	794 75
County tax,	1,285 46
Town note,	1,000 00
Interest on note,	43 74
S. H. Weeks, for highways,	278 77
W. A. Odell, " "	289 66

E. D. Moulton, for highway,	$159 65
W. M. Haines, " "	26 25
J. P. Weeks, " schools,	1,697 02
" " " supplies,	149 78
" " insurance on school houses,	40 00
	$8,248 03

COUNTY CHARGES.

Paid Geo. A. Norton, groceries for Twombly Family,		$126 09
W. O. Winn, for provisions,		47 95
S. S. Brackett,		
1 cord pine wood,	$2 75	
4 " mixed hard wood,	16 50	
		19 25
J. W. Weeks,		
1 cord hard wood limbs,	$3 50	
fitting same,	1 50	
		5 00
C. F. Farrell, fitting and housing 5 cords wood,		15 00
Dr. F. W. Pike, professional services and medicine,		33 00
D. D. Tuttle, labor,		1 50
		$247 79

DIPTHERIA IN HAWARD FAMILY.

Paid Mr. and Mrs. Haward for 28 days in quarantine,	$50 00
Two mattresses, 1 feather bed, and 5 pillows, destroyed,	31 00
Dr. J. W. Odell, professional services,	7 00
" F. W. Pike, " "	23 66

Paid Dr F. W. Pike, for medicines,	8 85	
John Hatch, library trustees, 2 books destroyed,	1 18	
		$121 69

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. S. Brackett, Selectman,	45 68	
J. W. Weeks, "	23 50	
J. P. Marston, "	11 00	
Dr. J. W. Odell, for Board of Health,	9 00	
J. P. Weeks, for Board of Education,	45 00	
A. P. Bodge, Supervisor,	5 00	
A. Littlefield, "	5 00	
W. O. Winn, "	5 00	
W. B. Norton, Assessor,	4 00	
H. A. Holmes, "	4 00	
J. W. Odell, Treasurer,	30 00	
F. D. Wentworth, Clerk,	25 00	
L. D. Duntley, Collector,	47 29	
E. H. Rokes, Auditor,	1 50	
T. F. Lawd, "	1 50	
C. H. Brackett, Constable,	6 00	
		$268 47
Discount on taxes, 1899,	$162 08	
Uncollectable taxes abated, 1899,	8 78	
Uncollected taxes, 1899,	152 73	
Tax of 1898, abated,	10 07	
Uncollected tax of 1898,	42 69	
		$376 35
Cash to balance,		1,051 59
		$10,313 92

S. S. BRACKETT,
J. W. WEEKS,
J. P. MARSH,
} Selectmen of Greenland.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

HON. JOHN HATCH, }
E. H. ROKES, } Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts and Expenditures of Joseph W. Odell, Treasurer of the Town of Greenland for the year ending Feb. 15, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1899,	$60 25	
received from Investment Committee,	500 00	
" on Town Note,	1,000 00	
		$1,560 25
Cash received from State:		
Insurance tax,	$7 50	
Railroad tax,	657 62	
Savings Bank tax,	594 26	
Literary Fund,	63 84	
		$1,323 22
Cash received from County,	$238 79	
" " F. D. Wentworth, Town Clerk, for dog licenses,	45 00	
received for 1 lot in New Cemetery,	15 00	
		$298 79
Cash received from John A. Chapman, Collector, on Tax of 1898,	$84 28	
received from L. D. Duntley, Collector, on tax of 1899,	4,721 08	
received for use of Town Hall,	43 35	
" from Libby & Odell for rent of land,	5 00	
" " estate of Caroline A. Weeks,	1,880 00	
" " S. S. Brackett, extra tax,	4 10	

Cash received from Coupon of City of Quincy, Mass., Bond,	$17 50	
		$6,755 31
		$9,937 57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	$4,943 45	
Town Bond, No. 7, 1878,	500 00	
Coupons due April 1st, 1899,	150 00	
" Oct. 1st, 1899,	137 50	
		$5,730 95
County tax,	$1,285 46	
State tax,	794 75	
City of Quincy, Mass., Bond,	1,074 82	
		$3,155 03
		$8,885 98
Cash to balance,		1,051 59
		$9,937 57

JOSEPH W. ODELL,
Treasurer,

Statement of investment Committee

OF THE TOWN OF GREENLAND, MARCH 1, 1900.

DR.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1899:		
Rockingham bank dividends, January and July,	$84 00	
April, 1899, withdrawn from the Manchester savings bank,	416 00	
		$500 00

CR.

April 1899, paid Town Treasurer,	$500 00
Cash and Securities on hand, March 1st, 1900:	
Deposit in Manchester bank,	1,676 29
Rockingham "	84 00
14 shares in " "	1540 00
	$3,300 29

There is eight months' interest due on deposit in Manchester savings bank, which does not appear in the above statement.

WM. A. PIERCE,
For the Committee.

GREENLAND, March 1, 1900.

In June the town received from C. A. Hazlett, executor of the will of Caroline A. Weeks, two legacies of one thousand dollars each for

the benefit of its schools and roads, subject to the following conditions :

EXTRACT FROM THE WILL OF CAROLINE A. WEEKS.

Section Fifteenth : "I give and bequeath unto the town of Greenland the sum of one thousand dollars, and the income arising therefrom, but in no event the principal sum, or any part thereof, shall be used by said town for the support of its town free public school."

Section Sixteenth : "I give and bequeath unto said town of Greenland, the sum of one thousand dollars and the interest or income arising therefrom, but in no event the principal sum or any part thereof, shall be used by said town in the improvement and betterment of such of the roads of said town as lie within a radius of half a mile of the Weeks Public Library Building."

Section Twenty-first : "I expressly direct that the bequest herein made to the town Greenland shall be invested by the said town of Greenland only in bonds of the United States or in bonds of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, or in the bonds of the city of Portsmouth or of other cities in New England, whose population exceeds ten thousand and whose net debt is not in excess of five per cent. of the last preceding valuation of property therein for taxation."

From these legacies there was deducted the inheritance tax of 6 per cent. making the amount received from each legacy, nine hundred and forty dollars.

In order to make the nine hundred and forty dollars for the schools available the selectmén appropriated from the surplus school money of 1898, one hundred thirty four dollars and eighty two cents and bought a one thousand dollars 3 ½ per cent. City of Quincy, Mass., bond for $1074 82.

The $940 for the benefit of the roads are on deposit awaiting the necessary appropriation to bring it within reach of the donator's intentions.

Town Warrant.

[L. S.] STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the voters of the Town of Greenland, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the High School.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Weeks Public Library in addition to that required by law.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to defray the expenses of publishing the History of Greenland, which has been written by M. O. Hall.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to make available the nine hundred forty dollars received from estate of Caroline A. Weeks, for keeping roads in repair within one-half mile of the Weeks Public Library.

6. To see if the town will vote to build about thirty feet of bank wall on easterly side of the old cemetery.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairing the highways, and for all other town charges.

8. To see what action the town will take in relation to individuals taking gravel for private use from the town's pits.

9. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to buy the

hook and ladder truck with its appurtenances, built by Herbert Tuttle and provide a building for the same.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-sixth day of February, 1900.

SIMEON S. BRACKETT, } Selectmen of
JOHN W. WEEKS, } Greenland.

A true copy, attest.

SIMEON S. BRACKETT, } Selectmen of
JOHN W. WEEKS, } Greenland.

Report of Schools.

CASH RECEIVED.

Cash in Treasury,	$155 65	
Cash due from Town,	65 18	
School tax,	935 00	
High school appropriation,	600 00	
Literary fund,	63 84	
Dog licences,	33 00	
For books and supplies,	149 78	
Insurance,	40 00	
		$2,042 45

CASH PAID.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Della E. Hapgood,	$550 00	
Alfred W. Clough, janitor,	17 00	
Charles H. Brackett, 6 cords wood,	30 00	
Cleaning and repairs,	5 83	
Mrs. J. A. Spaulding, singing teacher,	8 50	
		$611 33

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid Lillian Y. Chapman,	$252 00	
Charlie Brackett, janitor,	14 00	
Charles H. Brackett, 4 cords wood,	22 00	
Cleaning and repairs,	4 60	
		$292 60

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Lois D. Beck,	$252 00	
Chester Norton, janitor,	14 00	
William M. Haines, 5½ cords wood,	24 00	
Cleaning and Repairs,	5 45	
		$295 45

BAY SIDE SCHOOL.

Paid Gertrude N. Chapman,	$28 00	
Mabelle P. Weeks,	98 00	
Mabelle P. Neal,	126 00	
Sherburne Persons, janitor,	14 00	
Cleaning and repairs,	4 30	
John P. Weeks, 3½ cords of wood,	14 00	
A. P. Wendall, paint &c.,	12 54	
Edward W. Holmes, painting,	13 90	
Settees, two,	3 00	
		$313 74
George A. Wiggin, for insurance,	$40 00	
Taking the census,	3 00	
		$43 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	$14 49	
Thomas R. Shewell,	2 31	
American Book Co.,	32 16	
D. Appleton & Co.,	2 13	
Ginn & Co.,	19 12	
Theo Presser,	6 90	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	3 68	
John C. Pierce,	32 30	
Mrs. F. W. Batchelder,	1 15	
Mr. Cawthorne,	2 94	
Express, postage &c.,	5 60	
		$149 78

Cash in Treasury,	$336 55
	$2,042 45

JOHN P. WEEKS, Treasurer.

The Board of Education and the families of the Bayside were very sorry that Miss Gertrude Chapman, who, for a dozen years had been the faithful and efficient teacher of the Bayside school was obliged, on account of ill health, to resign her position soon after the beginning of the Spring term. Miss Mabel P. Weeks took her place, and taught for the remainder of that term, and eight weeks of the Fall term, when she, too, because of ill health, was obliged to give it up. The Board were fortunate in securing the services of Miss M. P. Neal of Newfields, who is now managing the school with good success. The number of scholars is twenty, eleven boys and nine girls.

During a considerable part of the year, the school has suffered for lack of proper discipline. Each of the teachers has found it difficult to maintain good order. Scholars have been disobedient in school and ill behaved out of school. It does not belong to the Board to regulate the childlife at home, but there is a close connection between the home and the school. The lack of good moral training at home is likely to show itself in the conduct of the children at school. Parents have a right to demand that those who teach their children be well qualified for the work. They have a right also to express their opinion concerning the qualifications of the teachers, but they should be careful not say anything before their children which might induce disobedience or disrespect. Their influence should be given to support the teacher in the maintenance of good order.

The teacher of the North school is Miss Lillian G. Chapman, who has had the care of it for three years. She has become well ac-

quainted with the scholars, and they with her, and this mutual acquaintance, with the other needed qualifications, has been of great advantage to the school. The number of scholars is thirty-six, twenty-six boys and ten girls.

The South school is taught by Miss Lois D. Beck, who has been its teacher for three years, and the same remark concerning the North school with regard to the value of the continuance of the same teachers in successive years, may be made concerning this school. A teacher needs to know her scholars well in order to teach them. The school numbered twenty-five, ten boys and fifteen girls.

The length of all the schools this year is thirty-six weeks, a longer school term than we have had for many years.

The town is now one district, and some liberty of choice has been allowed to parents as to which school they may send their children. But there is need of some limitation to their choice, or one school may be overcrowded, and another school not have scholars enough. As a general rule, it will be well to make the old district boundary lines determine the school to which children shall go. It would be a still better way to have all the schools concentrated at the Parade, and there be one Primary, one Intermediate, and one High school. But at present we have not the school buildings necessary for such an arrangement.

The High School has had the same teacher as last year, Miss Della E. Hapgood. The perfect order of the school, the studious and cheerful respect of the scholars, and the skilful method of the teacher in conducting the recitations, all impress a visitor most pleasantly, and attest the value of the school. The number of scholars is twenty-two, eight boys and fourteen girls. Some parents have wished that the course of study might be more feasible, and their children allowed more of a choice in the studies persued. But with one teacher only this change would be hardly possible. The prescribed four years' course is designed to embrace as many studies as

can be advantageously pursued in this limited time. The object of the High School is not to finish the education, but to lay well the foundation for future and higher attainments, to teach the scholars how to study and to inspire them with a love of learning. This we trust our High School is doing ; and our Public Library affords every increasing opportunity for post graduate study.

Mrs. J. A. Spaulding has been employed in the High School to give an hour a week for instructions in singing, and her own enthusiasm in music here had a manifest effect in inciting the scholars to acquire this very desirable accomplishment. It would be a good thing if musical instructions were given in all our schools.

At the last session of the Legislature an act was passed authorizing two or more towns to unite in employing a superintendent who shall give his whole time to the care of schools, and the State offers to pay one-half of his salary Such a method of superintending would be far more effective than the present method, and well deserves the attention of our citizens and its adoption by them.

EDWARD ROBIE
ALVAH E. DRAPER,
JOHN P. WEEKS,
} Board of Education.

GREENLAND, N. H., Feb. 19, 1900.

Library Trustees' Report, March, 1898.

The Library Trustees make the following report. In compliance with Section 7, of Chapter 118, of the Laws of 1895, the Trustees of the town library submit the following report: Shortly after the annual town meeting of 1897 the trustees took steps to establish the town library in some accessible place that would meet the approval and requirements of the State Board of Library Commissioners, and proposed to fit up the gallery of the town hall in the Brackett Academy building for that purpose, and they received from the State the $100 worth of books furnished to towns maintaining a public library. The very generous proposal of Mrs. Caroline A. Weeks to build and donate to the town a suitable library building caused us to suspend further action at that time. Since the erection of the Weeks library the town trustees have made active efforts to collect books, and we now have some 1,035 valuable volumes ready to place in the library building, if accepted by the town.

The following donations of books have been made to the library:

By Miss Lucy A. Packer, of Boston, in memory of her father,

George Packer,	75	volumes
Mr. and Mrs. Frink, and W. P. Frink,	21	"
J. Frank Pickering,	10	"
Miss Mary F. Simes,	35	"
Greenland Book Club, about,	75	"
Dr. and Miss Robie,	18	"
Mrs. M. O. Hall, part unbound,	40	"
Miss Mary G. Billings, of Portsmouth,	25	"
Others,	10	"

The State,	103 volumes	
A total of	412	
We have received from the town appropriations since 1892,	$231 10	
From subscriptions and other sources,	107 00	
A total of		$338 10

We have expended for supplies and incidentals, and express charges, $20 87. We have purchased 411 volumes of standard works, and some modern fiction for $280 09, having at present $37.-14 on hand, most of which is due for books ordered but not yet received. These books added to those donated as stated above, and the volumes of State Reports and Regimental Histories belonging to the town, make a total of 1,037 volumes with which to open the library. Of this number, it is safe to estimate at least 700 books are of kinds that are of general interest to readers and will be in circulation. And we are confident that the library will prove of great interest and benefit to every inhabitant of the town.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES, MARCH, 1899.

The Trustees of the Weeks Public Library of Greenland, respectfully submit to the town the second annual report of the town library, and since their first report the memorial library building, given by Mrs. Caroline A. Weeks to the town, has been occupied and the library opened to the public.

With such a beautiful and well furnished home the library could not but create great interest on the part of the citizens ; but such a complete success as the library has proved to be in the distinctive sense of distribution of books, and as a reading room, was unlooked for by the trustees. The use of the library by both old and young, the information and pleasure derived by all who have availed them-

selves of its privileges will always keep the donor in grateful remembrance ; and the expense incurred by the town for its maintenance will be considered by every one a profitable investment.

If it is borne in mind that there are but 139 families in the town, many of them residing several miles from the library, the following synopsis of the number of books issued will show how the library has been received and made use of by the people of the town. The library has been open twice a week since May 21, 1898. There have been books taken out since that time to March 1, 1899, 4,576 times. There has been an average of 174 books in the hands of readers all the time. There have been on the average 56 books taken out each time the library was opened. During pleasant weather and good traveling there have been as many as 88 books taken out in one afternoon and evening ; and no matter how difficult the roads, the library has not been opened without some visitors and at least 11 books taken out. On two other occasions only were there less than 25 books withdrawn,—usually 65 to 70, the average being less than this number because of several very stormy days when few books were taken.

The total number of volumes in the library are 1,528. Of these, 938 are fiction, 78 biography, 140 history, 48 travel, and 324 religious, scientific, and miscellaneous, or books of reference.

There have been presented to the library in the past year, 419 volumes : Mr. Thomas Salter, 69 volumes ; Mrs. F. M. Perkins, 62 ; Mrs. Mary A. Brewster, 30 ; Miss Susan Christie, 28 ; Dr. J. W. Odell, 14 ; W. P. Chadwick, Esq., 15 ; Mrs. J. A. M. Chapman, 9 ; from the State Library, 84 ; and from a number of others whose names are recorded at the library. There have been purchased 269 books.

The trustees have received from the annual appropriation from the town $150 ; from the tax required to be raised for the

support of town libraries, $56.10 ; and from donations, etc., $54.32 ; a total of $260.42.

We have expended for books, $150.16 ; express, $4 20 ; supplies, $122.70 ; fuel, $55.35 ; light, $9.78 ; librarian, $25. ; leaving a balance due the trustees of $16.77.

Considering the great demand for books, and inquiries for those we have not got, the trustees venture to ask the town for $50, in addition to the annual appropriation of $150. We estimate the expenses for the next year to be : Librarian, $30 ; fuel, $50 ; light $20 ; supplies and repair of books, $25 ; care of grounds, washing windows, etc., $5 ; making $130, and leaving $126 for books if we have $200 from the town and $56 from the tax required by law.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES, MARCH, 1900.

The Trustees of the Weeks Public Library of Greenland, respectfully submit to the town their third annual report, congratulating the town on the success of the library, and on the continued interest shown by all who are able to avail themselves of its advantages. There is no sum of money expended by the town that is of such direct benefit to so large a number of the inhabitants as the appropriation for the maintenance of the library and the purchase of books, except only that for the schools ; and certainly there is none that gives so much general pleasure.

We have, at the present time, 2,190 volumes. Of these, 1,286 are fiction, 90 biography, 193 history, 70 travel, and 551 religious, scientific, and books of reference.

The library has been open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evening during the year ; and there has never been a day, however stormy, that some persons have not called for books both afternoon and evening. Books have been taken out 5,294 times during the year, —an average of 51 books each day the library was open. The largest number taken out on any one day

was 103; the smallest, 12. Of the 5,294 books taken out, 5,066 have been fiction, and 238 history, travel, etc.

There have been presented to the library during the year; from the State, 9 volumes; from Miss Annie Philbrick, 8; Mr. J. S. Frink 3; Mr. John P. Weeks, 1; Greenland Book club, 1; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pierce, 1; from others, 91; and a set of 46 vols. of Rees Encyclopedia and 2 vols, of Brewster's Rambles about Portsmouth, from the Portsmouth Athenæum.

The trustees have received from the town the annual appropriation of $200.; from the tax required to be raised by law for support of a town library, $56.10; for two books replaced by the town that has to be destroyed, $1.18; book returned. $.14; a total of $257.42; from which must be deducted $16.77, balance due former year, eaving $240.65 available, with which we have purchased 303 books at a cost of $137.72; fuel, $36.; light, $14.12; librarian, $30.; supplies and cleaning, $10.25; express charges, $2 70; a total of $230.-79; leaving a balance of cash on hand, $9.86. There has been received from book fines, $7.55, out of which $6. has been spent in repairs; and there is a balance of $1.55 on hand.

The books purchased this year have largely been from clearance sales and mark-downs, though some new recent editions have been purchased. We obtain from the dealers a discount of one-third from the publishers' list price. Should any citizen of the town desire to purchase any book sold by the book dealers in Boston, we can obtain it for them, through the library, at the same discount, plus the cost of express or postage; and we shall be glad to make the library n additional benefit to the people of the town in this way.

Up to this time there has been but little repair on books needed, but this item of expense must necessarily fncrease. We urge upon people as much care of the books taken from the library as is consistent with their free use, — that they may be kept as clean as possible, and that the covers are not bent back in reading, which soon destroys the binding. All that can be saved in this way from repairs will go to purchase additional volumes.

As the library appropriation was an annual one, it is unnecessary to ask that any vote be had for money at this time.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Greenland, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date 1899.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in Years.	Color.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Sept. 21	Greenland, N.H.,	Irving Rolston,	23	W	Elemsdale, N.D.,	Andrew Rolston,	1	Edward Robie, D. D.
		Florence J. Dentley,	23	"	Greenland, N.H.,	Evangeline Densmore,	1	
						Lorenzo D. Duntley,		
						Susan Dearborn,		
Nov. 1	Methuen, Mass.,	William U. McIntire,	29	"	York, Me.,	Jerry L. McIntire,	1	John W. Adams, D. D.
		Mabel G. Lowd,	22	"	Greenland, N.H.,	Hannah D. Glynn,	1	
						Theodore F. Lowd,		
						Martha J. Kelly,		
Nov. 10	Greenland, N.H.,	Victor E. Brooks,	27	"	Eliot, Me.,	Alfred L. Brooks,	1	Edward Robie, D. D.
		Addie B. Pardoe,	22	"	Union, "	Annie L. Lewis,	1	
						James Pardoe,		
						Mary Ripley,		
Dec. 24	Greenland, "	Frank P. Merritt,	32	"	Columbia, Me.,	Adaniren J. Merritt,	1	Edward Robie, D. D.
		Susie E. Dearborn,	25	"	Greenland, N.H.,	Rhoda Tribeau,	1	
						Charles Dearborn,		
						Rhoda Marden,		

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Greenland, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.		Name of Child. (if any.)	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Feb.	11	Elizabeth H.,	F	2	L	Frank D. Wentworth,	Dora B. Blemmer,	Newcastle, N.H.,	Delaware Co., O.
Apr.	27	Agnes May,	F	1	L	Frederick A. Akerley,	Augusta B. Godfrey,	St. Johns, N. B.,	Hampton, N. H.
July	11	Norman William,	M	1	L	William M. Haines,	Jennie R. Lamprey,	Greenland, N.H.,	North Hampton.
July	23	Constance,	F	6	L	Charles H. Brackett,	Fannie M. Lamprey,	Greenland, "	" "
Dec.	1	Earl Raymond,	M	4	L	Charles W. Ramsell,	Flora G. Cate,	Brookfield, Vt.,	Greenland.

DEATHS registered in the Town of Greenland, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.		Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb.	5	Dudley Littlefield,	64	11		Waldo, Me.,	M	W	M	Abner Litt'efield,	Sarah Chase.
"	14	Martha J. A. Johnson,	88	5	11	Greenland, N.H.,	F	"	W	John Avery,	Martha Hoyt.
"	15	Johanna O'Keefe,	78			Ireland,	F	"	M	John Ahern,	Catherine Savage.
Mar.	6	Joseph W. Chapman,	78	10	6	Greenland, N.H.,	M	"	M	Nathaniel Chapman,	Martha Merserve.
"	20	Caroline A. Weeks,	80	11	13	" "	F	"	W	John Avery,	Martha ———.
Apr.	8	Martha B. Weeks,	6	2	13	" "	F	"		John W. Weeks,	Sarah E Lord.
June	6	Earl B. Walden,		5	22	" "	M	"		Ellis G. Walden,	Mary F. Barker.
Oct.	9	Catherine Hughes,	72			Ireland,	F	"		John Ahern,	Catherine Savage.
"	30	Robert W. Norton,	78	2	16		M	"			
"	31	Nathaniel M Googin,	78	4	16	Greenland, N.H.,	M	"		John Googin,	Mary Studley.
Dec.	28	Charles W. Hodgdon,	71	8	8	Newington, "	M	"		Charles Hodgdon,	Mary Pickering.

The Indebtedness of the Town of Greenland.

FUNDED DEBT AT 5 PER CENT.

Bonds Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11, for $500. each,	$2,000 00
Bonds Nos. 66 to 105 inclusive, for $100. each,	4,000 00
	$6,000 00

$500.00 becomes due each year on April 1st. The last payment will be on April 1st, 1910.

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